

MRS. PANKHURST BEGINS TO WEAKEN

Thousands at Holloway Jail Expecting Her Release. Disappointed.

NOT BEING FORCIBLY FED

McKenna Denies That Militant Is Being Compelled to Eat.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—Several thousand people, the majority of whom are expected to be released, gathered in the expectation that Mrs. Pankhurst would be released today. The arrival of a party of suffragettes caused some trouble, but it was not of a serious nature. One suffragette who was arrested for obstructing the police had a loaded revolver in her possession.

It is said that Mrs. Pankhurst showed tonight the first signs of weakness due to her hunger strike. It is not expected that she will be released before April 11, and this will prevent her anticipated appearance at the suffragette meeting at Albert Hall on the previous day.

The question of the pump feeding of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst in Holloway jail came up in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Replying to a question by Mr. Hardie, the labor leader and suffragette sympathizer, Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, said that Mrs. Pankhurst was not being fed forcibly, although she had refused to take food. The prison doctor had not advised her release, he said. Mrs. Pankhurst's own physician had not been allowed to see her. Mrs. Pankhurst, it is said, shows little effect of her self-starvation.

Mr. McKenna would not say anything as to what steps if any had been taken to procure her release. He added that fourteen suffragettes now in prison had refused food and five of these were being forcibly fed.

The militants deny that they had anything to do with the anonymous letter said to have been received by Sir Charles Montagu Lush, the judge who sentenced Mrs. Pankhurst to three years imprisonment, threatening him with death. "Human life is sacred to us as much as now as before the sentence of Mrs. Pankhurst," said the secretary of the Women's Social and Political Union.

Miss Anne Kenney, the suffragette leader who was arrested yesterday on a charge of inciting to riot and who was released on bail, when she came to trial was arraigned in Bow street police court today. She was arraigned under a statute adopted during the reign of Edward III, providing for preventive justice. She was remanded till April 22 and was again released on bail. She renewed her undertaking to refrain from militancy until that time.

A haystack was burned at Wollaston, in Nottinghamshire, today. The usual suffragette papers were found near by. The hay, which was valued at \$500, was the total crop of a widow's small holding.

An empty car of a passenger train was found to be on fire when it arrived at Kingston-on-Thames, to-night. The car was destroyed. A can which had contained inflammable gas was found in the ruins. The fire is supposed to have been the work of suffragettes.

A dangerous bomb was found in a compartment of the car of another train which was approaching London from Kingston. The can which enclosed the bomb was covered with the usual suffragette papers.

The passengers on both trains were alarmed and indignant at their narrow escape.

It is said that the Government is considering the prosecution and suppression of the Women's Social and Political Union and the seizure of its funds. The possibility of this action depends on legal proof of the organization's responsibility for the recent outrages. Nothing can be learned officially, but there seems to be considerable doubt as to whether such action will be taken.

LAWRENCE LOSE SUIT.

Condemned for Their Part in Window Smashing Campaign.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—The court gave judgment today against Pethick Lawrence and his wife, who formerly conducted the paper *Votes for Women*, for setting the window smashing in the West End.

The Lawrences were sued for \$3,040, being the balance due for the costs of prosecuting himself, his wife and Christabel Pankhurst on a charge of conspiracy last May. Part of the costs was recovered last November through the sale of the furniture in the Lawrence home.

The Lawrences were also condemned to pay the costs of the present proceedings.

ENGLAND MASTER OF THE AIR?

Graham-White Plans Enormous Scheme to Aid British Defence.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—Claude Graham-White announces that he has submitted to the Government a scheme for putting aviation in Great Britain on a sound basis. He has undertaken with a group of financiers to find \$10,000,000 with which to establish aerodromes in all big cities, buy hydroaeroplanes and dirigible balloons and train every year 500 pilots for the army and 500 more for the navy.

The Government is considering the offer.

ROTHSCHILD'S PLAY MAY 10.

"Grecians" Will Be Presented at the Garrick Theatre, London.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—Henri de Rothschild's play "Grecians" will be presented for the first time at the Garrick Theatre in London on May 10.

Arthur Boucher will play the title role, and the Parisian actress Gabrielle Dorziat will be the leading woman.

W. S. Penley's Estate \$78,310.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—The will of William Sydney Penley, the theatrical manager, was presented today. The estate amounts to \$78,310.



ITALY TO INCREASE ITS NAVY.

Three Superdreadnoughts Among Ships to Be Asked For.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

ROME, April 9.—The Chamber of Deputies will resume its sessions on April 22.

The Minister of Marine will present a project for the construction of three superdreadnoughts, three battleships, four cruisers and a squadron of torpedo boats. The cost of this addition to the navy is estimated at \$60,000,000.

MISS DODGE TO BE NURSE.

Lost Society Girl Returns Home, but Will Have War.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—A conference was held today between Miss Lucy Dodge, the American girl who left her home several days ago for the purpose of making a name for herself in the world, and her mother, Mrs. Lionel Guest, and a compromise was reached by which the young woman returned to her home on Severn street, she received the right, however, after the present fuss has blown over, to do as she pleases.

Her present inclination is to become a hospital nurse.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF CHINA ASSASSINATED?

Report Gen. Li Yuan-huang Was Killed in City of Wu-chang.

SHANGHAI, April 9.—A despatch received here from Peking says that there is a report in circulation in the capital that Gen. Li Yuan-huang, Vice-President of the Chinese Republic, has been assassinated in the city of Wu-chang, which is across the river from Hankow.

The Vice-President was President Yuan Shih-kai's most dangerous opponent for the rulership of China.

Two years ago, almost to a day, a cable from Peking announced the death of Gen. Li, at that time in command of revolutionary troops which had moved from Hankow to Peking to assist in putting the capital "The report of his death was later denied. In July last year Dr. Sun opened negotiations with him to lead the new party, as most of the progressives in the new republic were opposed to President Yuan Shih-kai. A compromise on Yuan was finally made in order to save the new republic from wreck, and Gen. Li became Vice-President.

Trouble between the two members of the executive staff began last August when the imperialist generals were put to death, and to avoid the revolution of feeling that followed President Yuan tried to put the responsibility on certain telegrams sent by Vice-President Li. Friends of the dead general proposed to accept Yuan's version and swore vengeance on Li.

Following the uprising in Shzechuan in September, 1911, Gen. Li came to the fore as leader of the revolutionists in Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang.

At this time Yuan Shih-kai was for a compromise and declared himself in favor of a constitutional monarchy, but Gen. Li went out, the revolutionary movement gained ground rapidly, and at the end of November Gen. Li submitted to Yuan, through the British Consul, a request for a truce to discover the feeling of the country. In a short time Dr. Sun, a prominent revolutionary leader of the Gen. Li party, was chosen provisional President of the republic, at Nanking and promised to drive the Manchus from the throne.

Dr. Sun's retirement in favor of Yuan Shih-kai so as to save the young republic from internal dissension had Gen. Li's approval, and the new Government had his unstinted support.

Gen. Li began his career as a naval officer and afterward entered the army. He was a well educated and much traveled man. As a dictator over three cities during the early days of the revolution he was a terror to evildoers, and was noted for his opposition to opium and all it stood for.

PUTUMAYO INTEREST REVIVES.

Original Accuser in Rubber Field Outrages Appears in Court.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—Interest in the Putumayo inquiry was revived today by the appearance of W. E. Hardenburg, author of the original accusatory articles in *London Truth* and a book on the atrocities in the rubber fields entitled "The Devil's Paradise." He arrived from America yesterday.

The re-examination of Julius Arana, the leading spirit in the Amazon Company, occupied the whole of the session. He declared that Sir Roger Casement's statements were inaccurate or exaggerated.

When questioned as to the story that Hardenburg had tried to blackmail the company he asserted in a noncommittal manner, but replied that Hardenburg had negotiated a forged bill. He did not retract the charge in his sworn statement against "Mr. X," of having attempted to extort blackmail. This revealed the fact that "Mr. X" is identical with Capt. Whiffen, a British War Office official of high social standing. He denied that the system of rubber collection was slavery, but under pressure said it might be regarded as a form of slavery.

Mr. Arana called attention to Hardenburg's presence in court and said: "I am glad to see you. Now we will be able to go into details."

DENIES FOUL PLAY IN HAVANA DUEL

One of Seconds Says American Was Killed in "Most Proper Fashion."

DYING, FORGAVE SLAYER

Latter, Arriving in New York, Declares His Willingness to Return.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

HAVANA, April 9.—El Dia, the Conservative organ and the only paper which criticized the duel in which young Warren, the son of Joe Warren, an American planter, was killed, published a letter from ex-Speaker Ferrera of the House of Representatives in which the latter deprecated the criticism of his action in placing the men thirty paces apart when he knew that Warren was nearsighted.

The former Speaker says that inasmuch as he was one of Mesa's seconds everybody ought to realize that the killing of young Warren was conducted with perfect propriety.

Ferrera says that far from acting feloniously he and the others who participated in the affair simply gave their services to two gentlemen and none could have done so in more gentlemanly fashion. He emphasizes the fact that Warren when dying forgave his slayer.

Dr. Sousa, to whose hospital the wounded man was taken, publishes a statement in which he declares that Warren's death was due to his bad liver, which was pierced by the bullet. This declaration is evidently part of a plan to save Mesa and his seconds from prosecution. The doctors who conducted the autopsy declare that the wound through the lung and liver was necessarily fatal.

Senior Ferrera, Mesa's principal second, has participated in many duels. He was tried and acquitted eight years ago when there was no doubt of his guilt. Ferrera announces that he has decided to tell all the details of the duel to the court which is investigating it. This court has already received two statements telling how the duel was fought.

It seems to be assured that the authorities do not intend to bring Mesa and his seconds to justice by the failure of the authorities to request the American officials to arrest Mesa on his arrival at New York.

Hannibal Mesa, who is an American citizen, arrived yesterday by the Ward line steamer from Havana. Mesa was unaware of the death of Warren, which occurred after he had left Cuba, until a wireless message was posted about the ship.

Mesa was permitted to land without interference from the Federal or local authorities. He hurried from the pier, leaving his baggage, consisting of four trunks and several other pieces of baggage, in charge of his valet. The customs officials would not let the valet accompany the baggage for his employer, and it was sent to the public stores. Mesa will redeem it today.

At first Mesa declined to say anything about the duel. Later, at a downtown restaurant, he declared that he considered he had done what any other American citizen might do under the circumstances. He said he had been forced to fight after he had been assaulted by Warren and that the duel had been "perfectly fair" according to the Cuban code. He said he would be willing to give himself up to the authorities if they wanted him, but that he believed they would acquit him of blame after they had heard his story.

CONVICTS TURN CANNIBALS.

Kill and Eat Companion in Wilds of French Guinea.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

CONAKRY, French Guinea, April 9.—Four convicts, Moullard, Bacheaux, Posset and Marcheval, escaped from the penal settlement here and escaped into the jungle, whence they expected to be able to reach the gold fields and from there get back to Europe.

They lost their way and were starving. Marcheval fell ill and the others killed him. They then roasted and ate the body. Afterward the remaining three reached the river, seized and provisioned a boat and sailed toward the sea. The boat was wrecked in a tempest at the mouth of the Maroni River and the three men were recaptured. They confessed the cannibalism.

TO BE OPERATED ON AGAIN.

Duchess of Connaught Advised by Physicians to That Effect.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 9.—The Duchess of Connaught has been advised by her physicians to undergo an operation to prevent a recurrence of abdominal trouble from which she has been suffering.

FLASHES FROM THE CABLE.

STERN.—The railway strike in this Commonwealth has spread rapidly and is alarming in its scope. The movement of freight is almost at a standstill and passenger trains are running on a hit and miss schedule.

KIEL.—Prince Henry of Prussia has left here on a trip to England. It is said that his trip will be one merely of a private character.

STEAMSHIP RATES TO STAND.

Report of Reduction Denied—Lines Can't Agree.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

HAMBURG, April 9.—It appears now that the story of a reduction of steamer rates between Trieste and Canada by the Canadian Pacific Company and a corresponding reduction by the Austro-American Company, which belongs to the Atlantic pool, was inaccurate. Representatives of the Canadian Pacific, Hamburg-American and Austro-American companies have been conferring here for several days, but separated without reaching any agreement. They may reassemble in a few days.

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ATTACKS GERMAN ARMY BILL

Service Principle Is Impossible.

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BERLIN, April 9.—There was a breeze in the Reichstag today when Gen. Haenseler, a Bavarian Centrist, attacked the army bill appropriating \$200,000,000. He said it was absolutely impossible in Germany to apply the whole principle of universal service for financial reasons. He criticized many details of the bill and urged a reduction of the length of service. He condemned the German artillery as not satisfying modern needs and said the officers of the army had too little work to do. The speech drew forth wild cheers from the Socialists and Radicals and was hissed by the Right.

The Prussian War Minister and the Bavarian plenipotentiary, Gen. Werninger, replied, denying Gen. Haenseler's statements. The effect of the speech on the Centrist attitude on the bill is much discussed.

MICROSCOPE MAKES HIM BLIND.

Zoologist of French Academy of Medicine Goes Blind.

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PARIS, April 9.—Prof. Delage, a zoologist of the Academy of Medicine, has been stricken with blindness. He said this is the result of too much work in microscopic researches.

MONTENEGRO HOLDS UP MESSAGES TO SCUTARI

Allies Said to Be Deserting King Nicholas in His Hour of Need.

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CETTINJE, April 9.—Montenegro has refused to grant the request of the German Minister made in behalf of Turkey to allow a message in plain language to be sent to the Turkish commander at Scutari authorizing him to liberate the civilians within the city. A similar request that the Porte be allowed to send him a despatch in cipher was refused some time ago.

The position at Scutari and the blockade of the Montenegrin coast remain unchanged. No fighting is reported.

LONDON, April 9.—The international pendulum is again swinging toward optimism. It is reported from Vienna that Serbia has notified Austria she will not send any more troops to Scutari. Greece has notified Serbia that she is unable to supply any more transports.

A compromise on Scutari is expected. In some quarters where it is expected that King Nicholas's threat of abdication is bluff and that the deciding factor is likely to be Montenegro's withdrawal of the operations against Scutari because she is at the end of her monetary and military resources.

The Russian pan-Slavist outbreak, the importance of which now appears to have been considerably exaggerated, is dying out. The commentator of the *Daily Telegraph*, who is at St. Petersburg, admits this.

St. Petersburg, April 9.—A stir was caused here today when the Prefect of Police announced that meetings of all kinds and street demonstrations likely to disturb the public peace are prohibited. Everyone in the capital is affected by the drastic order, failure to obey which will be punished severely.

Politics, it is understood, is the explanation of the issuance of the order. The *Norve Væpne* criticizes the regulation severely and the *Reich* refuses to support it.

BELGIUM READY FOR STRIKE.

Workingmen Sending Families Away—Some Predict Revolution.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

BRUSSELS, April 9.—In preparation of the general strike throughout Belgium will begin next Monday, many of the wives and children of the 400,000 workmen who will go out are being sent outside of the country. The strikers are receiving daily thousands of offers for provisional homes for their families during the strike.

Trade in all kinds of preserved foods, beans, rice and flour has increased, as well as that in illuminating oils and candles.

It is believed in many quarters throughout Belgium that the strike will result in political changes of great importance, and there are some even who predict a revolution.

TO ATTACK LLOYD GEORGE.

M. P. Accepts Chancellor's Challenge and Will Repeat Charges.

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TO REPAVE RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

Mayor Will Build Good Road If He Gets the Money.

Riverside Drive will have a decent pavement at least as far north as 119th street if the Board of Estimate votes back Commissioner Street's \$200,000 which the board's Corporate Stock Committee has recommended be allowed him.

"I asked for \$375,000 in order to build a first class road all the way from Second street to the Manhattan street viaduct," Commissioner Street said yesterday.

The committee has also recommended \$100,000 more to complete the paving of the West Drive in Central Park and parts of the Middle and East drives.

IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. STRAUS.

The Educational Alliance will hold memorial services next Tuesday for Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus, who were lost on the Titanic. The services will be held in the Edison's synagogue of the Alliance at 5 o'clock.

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CLOSURE RESOLUTION IN CANADIAN HOUSE

Premier Makes Good His Threat to Force Naval Aid Bill.

AN INSULT TO LAURIER

Opposition Leader Forbidden to Speak After Getting the Floor.

OTTAWA, April 9.—Premier Borden introduced the long threatened closure resolution in the House of Commons today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the opposition, who was Prime Minister for fifteen years and who has been the Liberal leader for thirty years, received summary treatment which he and his followers say was a studied insult such as has never been offered to a man of his standing in Parliament before.

Mr. Borden in introducing the closure resolution explained its purpose and said that obstruction of the naval aid bill by the Opposition, because of which the Government had been unable to make any progress for five months, made the adoption of closure rule necessary. He quoted from Bryce's "American Commonwealth," showing how well the closure worked in the House of Representatives and said that the Canadian Parliament and the American Senate were the only parliamentary bodies in free countries where the closure had not been adopted.

The resolution provides that when a member of the Government moves after debate given at a previous session that debate be closed no member shall thereafter speak more than once or longer than twenty minutes, and also provides that the Speaker shall leave the chair on Thursdays and Fridays, when the order of the day is for the House to go into committee of supply or committee of the whole or ways and means without putting any question. This cuts off the usual established British rule permitting the putting of questions and sifting of grievances before going into supply, one of the dearest privileges of the Opposition.

When Mr. Borden finished speaking Sir Wilfrid, as leader of the Opposition, rose to reply, as is the custom, and was recognized by the Speaker. The Minister of Marine rose at the same time to speak. A Government member, Northrup of Hastings, demanded that the Speaker recognize the Minister of Marine, and under an old rule asked for a division on this point, which was promptly decided in the Minister's favor.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was thus compelled for the first time in his long career as Canada's leading statesman to give way at a time when, according to custom, he was expected to be heard.

Sir Wilfrid took his seat shaking with anger, and the Opposition members broke into disorder, crying "Shame!" "Down!" "Gave!" The Minister could not be heard, although he tried for a long time, but he finally handed up a motion in writing that the previous question be put. This was carried and the Opposition without an opportunity to offer any amendments and thereby limited the debate on the closure resolution in one speech by each member. Thoughtful the galleries are crowded as they seldom are to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier speak, which he is doing in a most impassioned manner.

"A day of retribution will come," he said, "and will come as soon as there is a dissolution of this Parliament."

The insult to Sir Wilfrid is the topic of conversation all over Canada tonight and will bring out Liberal demonstrations everywhere. The closure resolution probably will go through in a week. The first attempt to shut off debate, it is said, by Liberals will result in resistance and probably the forcible removal from the House of unruly members. The Liberals say that the Senate, which is Liberal, will kill the naval bill if it is passed by closure.

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TO SELL OAK OF CHARLES II.

Historic Estate of Boscobel Will Be Auctioned in June.

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LONDON, April 9.—The historic estate of Boscobel, in Shropshire, will be sold at auction in June. Next to Boscobel House is the oak in which Charles II. is said to have hidden after the battle of Worcester.

History has different versions of the hiding place of the royal fugitive. For a time it was believed that he had secreted himself in the famous oak, but now it is generally accepted that he was hidden in Boscobel House itself, and tourists are shown the trapdoor in the floor through which he descended. The royal oak, although not the original tree, is still the object of veneration to travelers.

Boscobel House is about twenty-five miles from Worcester, where the battle was fought. On September 3, 1650, when Charles II. was defeated by Cromwell in the conflict that ruined his hopes, he fled with some of his loyal followers, taking refuge at Whitehall. Then, so the story goes, he and William, one of his men, hid in the branches of the huge oak. It is certain that they went into Boscobel House later.

Charles II., leaving there, went from place to place, finally crossing to Normandy.

HENRY GEORGE, JR., IMPROVES IN ITALY

Congressman, Quite Well After Breakdown, Wants to Resume Work.</